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Mackinac Bridge remains safe and secure

Lawmakers pledge support of bridge authority

LANSING – The recent news of the detainment of three out of state individuals about a potential attack on the Mackinac Bridge should not alarm travelers as the FBI determined there was no imminent threat to the bridge, announced Sen. Jason Allen, R- Traverse City and Rep. Kevin Elsenheimer, R-Bellaire.

“Any potential threat to the security of our infrastructure needs to be taken seriously,” said Allen. “The recent speculation about a potential attack on the bridge was investigated and the bridge personnel have been doing an outstanding job of responding to that potential threat and ensuring it is safe and secure.”

Elsenheimer added: “The Mackinac Bridge is not just a landmark, it’s a vital lifeline to that connects the economies of the Upper Peninsula and Northern Lower Michigan. Any potential threat to the safety of our citizens needs to taken seriously and investigated thoroughly.”

This past weekend three individuals were taken into custody on charges of a potential attack on the historic landmark. The bridge remained open and the Mackinac Bridge Authority staff and other patrols continued monitoring the bridge during the investigation.

“Events such as this serve as reminder that we must remain vigilant and keep our security measures up to date,” Allen said. “I will continue to support the Mackinac Bridge Authority in its ongoing effort to keep travel over the straits secure.”

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